

1 APPARATUS FOR SHARP IMPLEMENT TRANSFER,
2 COUNTING AND TEMPORARY DISPOSAL OR STORAGE3 ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

4 The invention relates to a multipurpose device for
5 the safe handling of sharp surgical implements and
6 comprises a molded thermoplastic body that includes a
7 container portion and a scalpel holder section. Magnetic
8 material in the container holds scalpel blades and/or
9 needles after use and magnetic material on the holder
10 section presents a needle for pick-up by a needle holder.
11 The scalpel holder section supports a scalpel or scalpels
12 in cantilever fashion for convenient gripping and
13 withdrawal by a surgeon. The body has a shape and
14 surface characteristics that assures a secure hand grip
15 even in wet conditions.